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The dangers of xenotransplantation far outweigh any possible benefits. I urge that no xenotransplantation be permitted due to the *many known and as yet unknown risks to human health*.

Europe has taken a wise stance, when the Council of Europe recommended a world-wide ban on xenotransplants. Inter-species virus transmission has been proven, and I am especially concerned about the use of pigs for xenotransplants. Why select a species that has already been shown to pose serious risks, possibly as risky as use of nonhuman primates .

It would be highly irresponsible to resort to xenotransplants when promoting greater donation of human organs would be so much easier and safer. There is a huge potential for educating the public on the importance of organ donation and increasing the number of donors.

I urge a policy of no xenotransplants.

Sincerely,

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